KER (Kerr)

1851 census: Ker & Bros. Chairs & Bedstead factory.
cost £300. Worked by steam engine, 6 horse power.
Production of this factory last season was 1500 chairs
500 bedsteads, and about 200 other pieces of furniture.

Tweedsmuir Book and Graydon notes call the family "Carr".

Ker Street named for them.

See Beaty file for relationship.

F. & M. Institute member in 1858-59:- Henry Kerr

Tremaine Map 1859: William Kerr & Bros. Cabinet Makers

Henry Ker was a member of the First Council in Streetsville 1858.

The Kers were related to the Beatys. John Irving Beaty (in his diaries and letters) referred to "my mother's uncle Old Mr. Ker" who died in 1861 or '62.

Helen Ker (1793-1888) m. John Beaty 1793-1842
(Is she was Irish?)

See Graydon Notebooks. Ker is spelled Carr.

See Tweedsmuir Book vol. I " " " "

See Cabinet Makers

See Rutledge: Joseph Rutledge & Barbara Ker (Trinity Church records)

See Index to Peel County Marriages.

See Beady - Margaret Beady m 1851 John Ker

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KER / BEATY / DEADY

Since our last newsletter,correspondence from Cathy Edwards of Regina has shown her descent from early Streetsville people, JOHN KER and MARGARET DEADY who were married in 1851.

JOHN KER(1820-1908) was son of Thomas & Elizabeth Ker who came here from England in 1832;children: William,JOHN,Henry,Elizabeth,Barbara. Thomas Ker was an uncle of Helen Ker wife of JOHN BEATY of Credit Mills(now Reid Milling). Thomas,a machinist, and his sons had a steam-powered factory below Hyde's mill where they made chairs,bedsteads and bobbins. HENRY KER for whom Ker Street was named,was on the first Village Council in 1858.About 1870 the fmaily went to Toronto where they operated a Bobbin & Spool Factory on Niagara Street.

MARGARET DEADY(1822-1916) was daughter of Martin & Margaret Deady who came from Ireland in the 1830s; children:Martin Jr. hotelkeeper, Ellen, Elizabeth, MARGARET, William owner of Alpha Mills 1852-1856.

MARTIN DEADY SR.(1777-1857) was born in Tipperary, Private in 28th Reg't Foot in Peninsular War,under Duke of Wellington,in battles of Corunna,Barrosa,Vittoria,Pyrenees,Nivelle,Nive,Orthez and Toulouse. In Streetsville he was a tailor in the block north of Water Street; he is buried in Ninth Line R.C. cemetery.

(See INNS & HOTELS OF STREETSVILLE 1824-1924)

KER

In memory of Thomas Ker. A native of Penton, Co. Cumberland, England. Died April 16,A.D. 1862. ae 87 y's.

William, eldest son of Thomas & Elizabeth Ker, died June 21, A.D. 1864, ae. 46 y's.

Elizabeth, second daughter, died Oct'r 13, A.D. 1858,ae 29 y's.

White marble slab with urn draped in mourning cloth, flanked by two inverted burning torches. II

John Ker. 1820 - 1908.

Margaret his wife. 1831 - 1916.

Sons: John. 1866 - 1916.
Henry. 1864 - 1918.
Ellen Sherlock. 1862 - 1940.
Henry. 1823 - 1909.

Dark, grey polished granite block, motif: maple leaves. III